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November 3, 2009 - The annual Colorado Ag Classic will be held December 9-10 at the Thomas M. McKee Building at The Ranch in Loveland, Colorado. The fifth annual Colorado Ag Classic is the joint convention of the Colorado Association of Wheat Growers (CAWG), the Colorado Corn Growers Association (CCGA), Colorado Sunflower Administrative Committee (CSAC), Colorado Sorghum Producers (CSP), Colorado Seed Growers Association (CSGA), and Colorado Seed Industry Association (CSIA).

The convention theme is "Together We Achieve More." The convention will begin on the evening of December 9, with a legislative social, dinner, and an auction to benefit CAWG and CCGA's state and national legislative efforts.

Colorado Commissioner of Agriculture John Stulp will kick off the General Session on the morning of December 10, followed by Colorado State University President Tony Frank, and U.S. Senator Michael Bennet (invited). Keynote speaker Jennifer Ozimkiewicz of Monsanto will wrap up the morning session with her talk on "Monsanto's Vision for Biotech Crops."

Breakout sessions on December 10 include presentations on cap and trade, grain marketing, the future of irrigated agriculture, energy crops, ag family succession planning, ag greenhouse gas mitigation, and iFarm calculators.

A trade show will also take place during the Colorado Ag Classic. Representatives from agricultural business from around the state will be present to answer questions on their products.

More information on registration and hotel costs, the Colorado Ag Classic, and program details is available at www.coloradowheat.org. A schedule for the Colorado Ag Classic is attached.

Colorado Ag Classic Schedule

Wednesday, December 9

5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Legislative Social and PAC Auction (including dinner)

Thursday, December 10

7:30 a.m. Registration

8:00- 9:00 a.m. Grain Marketing, Dan Maltby

9:00- 9:30 a.m. General Session - Commissioner of Agriculture John Stulp

9:30- 10:00 a.m. Colorado State University President Tony Frank

10:00- 10:15 a.m. Break

10:15-10:45 a.m. U.S. Senator Michael Bennet (invited)

10:45-11:45 p.m. Keynote Speaker-Jennifer Ozimkiewicz - "Monsanto's Vision for Biotech Crops"

11:45-1:00 p.m. Lunch

Breakout Sessions:

1:00-1:45 p.m.

Ag Family Succession Planning

Greenhouse Gas Mitigation by Agriculture-Boon or Boondoggle? Water in the West-What is the Future of Irrigated Agriculture?

1:45-2:00 p.m. Break

2:00-2:45 p.m.

Economics for Agriculture Associated with Cap & Trade

Ammonia Deposition in Rocky Mountain National Park-Is Agriculture to Blame?

Feeding the World-What Agricultural Science Can & Cannot Do/Crop Genome Improvement

2:45-3:00 p.m. Break

3:00-3:45 p.m.

Grain Marketing

Using iFarm Calculators to Compare Alternative Farming Practices

Energy Crops-The New Frontier in Agriculture

3:45-4:00 p.m. Break

4:00-4:45 p.m.

Workers' Comp Dividend Safety Meeting

Grain Sorghum-NREL Research, Variety Trials, Checkoff Update

Economics for Agriculture Associated with Cap & Trade

5:00 Ag Classic Ends